

down the Ohio River. After many thrilling incidents, the party reached Steubenville, Ohio, on the 11th where they found some difficulty in landing. After a pleasant sojourn over night in that 17-year-old town, they proceeded on their skiff journey. On Wednesday, the 13th, they breakfasted at Wheeling and it was noted that from there "the mail is carried westward once a week on horses." Finally the long journey was ended at Marietta. The account of this trip is of a most interesting character, not only to the descendants of Dr. John Cotton, but to the general reader.

Dr. John T. Cotton, of this sketch, obtained his education in the common schools of Marietta, which at that time was a city of 30 years' growth. Later he graduated from Marietta College and is the only living member of the first class ever graduated from that now noted institution. This fact stands recorded in the *World Almanac*. Dr. Cotton left college and went to New Orleans where he taught school for one year. The trip down the river was exceedingly pleasant, but the extreme heat caused his return to Marietta, and soon after he began the study of medicine under his remarkable father. When prepared, he entered the Cincinnati State Medical College where he

was graduated and he then spent three years of practice at Ravenswood, Ohio. During this time he married Sarah Fitzhugh, who was a daughter of Henry Fitzhugh, one of the founders of Ravenswood, the Fitzhugh's inheriting property at Alexandria, Virginia, from George Washington.

After his marriage on April 5, 1845, Dr. and Mrs. John T. Cotton moved to Charleston, Virginia, now West Virginia, and there established themselves both in social and professional life. Dr. Cotton watched the city grow from a hamlet into a commercial center and during these years he grew also in importance until his name was known all over the Kanawha Valley. Few men of the State are more esteemed and many honors have been given him. At the regular annual session of the State Medical Society of West Virginia, convened at Parkersburg on the 21st of May, 1902, an ordinance was adopted that the physicians of each county in the State should hold monthly sessions at the county court house. At the first session of the physicians of Kanawha County, held at Charleston, Dr. Cotton was elected president.

Dr. Cotton is a large landowner in Charleston and vicinity. In political affiliation Dr. Cotton was originally a

Whig. He assisted in organizing the Republican party, but since the Civil War he has been a Democrat. Although eminently qualified to fill high stations, he has never accepted political office.

The children born to Dr. Cotton and Mrs. Cotton were: Henrietta, wife of ex-Governor Wilson; Nannie C., wife of Frank Woodman; Sallie (Mrs. Donnelly); and John and Harry, both deceased. Mrs. Cotton is deceased. In religious belief, Dr. Cotton belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church.



HON. NATHAN BAY SCOTT.

HON. NATHAN BAY SCOTT, who has long been prominent as a man of affairs, has held many offices of trust and discharged the duties con-

nected therewith in a most creditable manner; at the present time he represents the State of West Virginia in the United States Senate. He is prominent in the councils of the Republican party, and has made a brilliant record in every phase of his public life.

Mr. Scott was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, December 18, 1842, and at the age of 11 years began his business life as a clerk in a country store, meanwhile attending the public schools during the winter months. In 1862 he enlisted for service in the Union Army, and served until mustered out in 1865. He then returned to Wheeling, a city he has since called home. Since 1871 he has been engaged in the manufacture of glass and has been since 1883 at the head of the Central Glass Company, which under his vigorous management became one of the largest of its kind in the country. He organized the first savings bank in the State; he was elected its president, and is still at the head of the institution, which is one of the most successful in West Virginia. He has been an extensive traveler at home and abroad, and is a keen observer and a broadminded man.

Mr. Scott is a Republican and has always been active in party affairs. In 1880 he was elected a member of the

City Council of Wheeling, and was president of the second branch. In 1882 he was elected a member of the State Senate, and was re-elected in 1886, serving in that capacity for eight years. His opponent upon re-election was Hon. J. O. Pendleton, a very strong man who was afterward elected to Congress. While a member of the State Senate, he served on various important committees, and helped to frame the Mutual Savings Bank law, which has since met with general approval. Since 1888 Mr. Scott has been the representative of West Virginia as a member of the Republican National Committee, during all of which time he has been a member of the executive committee. In the campaign of 1896 he was the choice of President McKinley to serve with Gen. Powell Clayton, Vice-President Hobart and J. H. Manley at headquarters in New York City, and because of his friendly relations to organized labor had charge of the work pertaining to the labor organizations of the United States. In recognition of his faithful services, President McKinley appointed him commissioner of internal revenue, an office he filled until his election to the United States Senate in 1899. As war commissioner he displayed in the administration of the business of the office executive ability

of the highest order. With Mr. Bliss, ex-Secretary of the Interior, and Mr. Manley, Mr. Scott was again, in 1900, in charge of speakers during the campaign.

Mr. Scott is a director in numerous large business foundations in the city of Wheeling, and is extensively interested in tracts of coal and timber lands in Logan and Mingo counties. His earnings have ever been devoted to the extension of business enterprises and the employment of labor. His interests in the glass and steel industries of the State are very large, and it is safe to say that there are few manufacturing concerns of any magnitude in West Virginia which he has not promoted or in which he does not hold an interest. Mr. Scott is, in fine, a public servant of West Virginia, who is able to uphold the highest behests of the people in national council.

GEORGE HOOK, one of the best known business men of Wheeling, West Virginia, is president and business manager of the Germania Half Dollar Savings Bank, at No. 1501 Market street, and is also secretary of the West Virginia Exposition & State Fair Association. He was born in Prussia, in 1841, and is a son of Henry Hook.

Henry Hook was engaged in the shoe business, during his active life, and died about 20 years ago. His widow died in 1890, having given birth to seven children,—most of whom are residents of Wheeling.

George Hook was seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to this country in 1848. As a boy he attended the German Lutheran and public schools. Later he attended a business college in Wheeling, and was graduated in 1874. His first active business was as a carriage trimmer with the firm of Pfarr & Kanner, and a short time afterward, in 1867 or 1868, he formed a partnership with Charles Schrader, and bought out the old firm. They continued in the business about 10 years, under the firm name of Hook & Schrader. During the year 1865, Mr. Hook served in the sheriff's office under Thomas J. Campbell, and was then elected assessor of the city district, and served two years. He was elected clerk of the County Court of Ohio County and served three terms, or a period of 18 years, his incumbency terminating in 1896. He is a member of the Board of Trade. In 1881, he became secretary and treasurer of the West Virginia Exposition & State Fair Association, and has acceptably filled that office since, its du-

ties requiring much of his time throughout the year, particularly in the fall months.

Mr. Hook was united in marriage with Sophia A. Lutz, a daughter of Sebastian Lutz, and they have a daughter, Clara. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religious attachments a member of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church. He resides in the Seventh Ward on the Island.



HON. ARNOLD C. SCHERR.

HON. ARNOLD C. SCHERR, State Auditor of West Virginia, was born in Zurich, Switzerland, August 21, 1848. He accompanied his parents to America when quite young, in

1856, and they located in Preston County, Virginia, now West Virginia, where he was educated in the common schools and subsequently took a business college course.

Mr. Scherr entered into business life as a merchant at Maysville, West Virginia. In 1893 he became interested in the wool manufacturing business and established what are now known as the Keyser Woolen Mills, at Keyser, Mineral County, West Virginia.

As an active member of the Republican party, Mr. Scherr has been prominent in all the movements in his county and State, and has most capably filled a number of political positions. In 1870 he was elected sheriff of Grant County, West Virginia, in 1872 was re-elected and in 1880 was again made sheriff for a term of four years. In 1879 he was a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates. For a period of 12 years he was a member of the Republican State Committee, and in 1884 was sent as a delegate to the Republican National Convention. Governor White has about him men who are noted for their executive ability and high personal character, and none more entirely satisfy both the administration and the public than does Hon. Arnold C. Scherr in the respon-

sible position of State Auditor, to which he was elected in 1900 for a term of four years.



DAVID S. COLLINS.

DAVID S. COLLINS, president of the Collins Lumber Company of Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, and one of the prominent business men of the State, was born October 31, 1850, at Hopkinton, New Hampshire, and is a son of Dr. David O. and Achsah (Moore) Collins.

Dr. David O. Collins was for many years a prominent physician at Hopkinton. He was born in England and came to America in boyhood. He graduated in medicine in New England, and gained eminence in the pro-

fession in his adopted State. His death took place in 1893, at the age of 86 years. Dr. Collins married Achsah Moore, whose ancestors came from England in the "Mayflower," members of the little band that landed on Plymouth Rock. These ancestors and their immediate descendants located on the Merrimac River where they waxed numerous and wealthy and founded the settlement of Deerfield. The only child born to Dr. and Mrs. Collins was the subject of this sketch. They were Congregationalists in their religious faith.

David S. Collins attended the local district school and received academic training at Penacook Academy. Very early, even in boyhood, he displayed a business sense that has in its development made him one of the capitalists of West Virginia at the present day. He commenced work in a mill yard, where his services were required to pile up staves, manufactured for mackerel kits, and his pay was 33 cents a day. He continued at that work long enough to accumulate the sum of \$100 and continued to attend the academy during the winter sessions. After three years of that employment, he accepted a clerical position in a general mercantile store and continued the position until 17 years of age. Through a for-

tunate purchase of timber land about this time, he realized \$225, a large enough sum to enable him to extend his business operations. He learned the business of scaling logs and measuring lumber, a knowledge of which, later in life, proved of the greatest value. In 1870 he became bookkeeper for a large lumber and furniture manufacturing company, with which he remained until the age of 22, later becoming one of the salesmen, and still later superintendent of three of the company's mills. Three years later he invested his accumulations and formed a company for the manufacture of clothes pins, erecting a factory and installing the first stationary engine in Hillsboro County, New Hampshire. This venture did not prove as successful as he expected and Mr. Collins again became a lumber and furniture salesman, in this business covering the Northeastern States. He then formed a partnership with George E. Tillinghast in contracting and building, at Providence, Rhode Island, and at Portland, Maine. During his residence at Providence, he was for three years a member of the Board of Agriculture, and for six years secretary and treasurer of the Rhode Island State Fair; manager of the Narragansett Trotting Park and secretary and treas-

urer of the Rhode Island Horsebreeders' Association. He also served as secretary and manager of the Riding and Polo Club. After removing to Portland he became interested in a new and important enterprise. He purchased stock in and became manager of the Fossil Flour Mining & Milling Company. Later, with a friend, he purchased a controlling interest in the company and became its treasurer, a position he still retains. The plant was then moved to larger and more valuable mines in Nova Scotia, and a mill was built there, now in operation, at a cost of \$47,000, the only one for refining tripoli in the world. He is the originator and inventor of the process of refining tripoli. Mr. Collins spent a fortune in experimenting, but finally succeeded in placing the product on the market. The company has a European, as well as a New York, office. The tripoli is an infusorial earth, taken from the bottom of the Northern lakes. Its chief use, in the manufactured form of fossil flour, is with rubber stocks, in the manufacture of rubber. It is described as a hollow, "boat shaped" diatom, practically a silicious sponge. Its uses are many and its value is becoming yearly better known. Mr. Collins came to West Virginia in 1899. He has spent much time in Europe,

pushing his many enterprises, but is best known in this State as the very efficient president of the Collins Lumber Company, which exports more lumber to Europe than any other company in the State; and as treasurer of the Elkhurst Planing Mill Company, which owns and controls seven mills on the line of the Charleston, Clendenin & Sutton Railroad. Mr. Collins owns much real estate in Charleston and is engaged in building a number of handsome residences in a pleasant portion of the city. In addition to his other enterprises, Mr. Collins is one of the directors in the Clay County Bank, and is interested in timber lands in Clay County.

In 1870 Mr. Collins married Rosalia A. Beard, who was born in New Hampshire. Their one daughter is the wife of Prof. Stephen S. Colvin, of Champaign, Illinois.

JAMES DALLAS EWING, deceased, was a representative of an old and prominent family and a distinguished member of his chosen profession,—that of the law.

The Ewing family was established in this country by James Ewing, some time between 1795 and 1797. He was a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Glenn) Ewing, both natives of Ireland, the

former of whom was born on Lord Abercorn's estate, County Tyrone. James Ewing was born in Ireland in 1771, and on coming to America settled on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He was a lieutenant and subsequently a captain in the War of 1812. He removed at an early day to Ohio County, Virginia (now Marshall County, West Virginia), where he settled on a farm which he called "Fairhill" and which he established as a family homestead. His parents went there afterwards and spent the remainder of their lives, their graves on the farm being marked with a time-worn headstone. He was married to Elizabeth Wilson in Maryland and brought her with him to Virginia. By this marriage he had four sons and three daughters: Henry, James, William, John, Maria, Jane and Elizabeth.

William Ewing was born on the homestead in 1810, and there resided as the owner of the property, until his death in 1861. He was married to Martha Martin, and left 10 children: James Dallas; William Wilson, who succeeded to the proprietorship of "Fairhill;" John Alexander, a prominent attorney of Moundsville; George Martin; Isaac Newton; Samuel H.; Susan Ann; Robert A.; Elizabeth W., who married Daniel Hartley; and Mary, who married Alfred McCuskey.

James Dallas Ewing was born on the homestead December 19, 1832, and there remained, attending and teaching school, until he reached his majority, when he began the study of the law in the office of Wylie H. Oldham, one of the foremost lawyers of his time, and in 1858 was duly licensed and admitted. Locating in New Martinsville, Wetzel County, he there remained about seven years. Compelled to abandon the practice of his profession during the period of the Civil War, he engaged in mercantile pursuits, afterward spending two years in Kentucky. Deciding to return to West Virginia and to the practice of the law, he selected Moundsville, in Marshall County, as his residence, where he at once acquired a large and remunerative business. In 1878 he removed to Wheeling, appearing before the different courts there held as well as those before which he had appeared in former years. He practiced alone for a time, but, his clientage increasing, he associated others with himself, and was the head of different firms—Ewing & Riley; Ewing, Melvin & Riley; and Ewing, Melvin & Ewing, in the order named. His life closed on September 1, 1898, at his home at Leatherwood, east of Wheeling. While residing at New Martinsville, he married Emma Anderson, a daughter of

William Anderson, at one time sheriff of his county and a prominent and reputable citizen. By this marriage there were 10 children, eight of whom are living: Effie Estella, wife of John H. Holt, of Huntington; Emma Irene; James William; Robert Benton, who holds a responsible position with the Wheeling Corrugating Company; Daisy, wife of H. C. McMillen, of Huntington; Fred Anderson, who is also with the Wheeling Corrugating Company; and Ethel and Genevieve, who with the other unmarried children reside with their mother at the Leatherwood home.

In his career as a lawyer Mr. Ewing took and held high place. He cared but little for political honors, yet more than once was he pressed into service as a candidate for office by the political party with which he affiliated and was unsuccessful only because his party was not in the ascendancy. In the courtroom and in the office he was alike successful. In close attention to the concerns of those who sought his aid, in earnestness and ability in presenting questions to court or jury, in foresight and sagacity, whether in giving counsel or in managing a cause, he was not excelled by any of his able colleagues at the bar. Devoted to family, friends and clients, public spirited in all general

matters of pith and moment, and just in everything engaging his attention, his life was a useful one,—a model in more respects than one.

James William Ewing, the eldest son, was born at Moundsville, October 25, 1869; the family removing to Wheeling, in 1879, he there attended the public schools and was graduated from Linsly Institute in the class of 1887. During the following two years he received a business training in different capacities, and in February, 1890, was appointed and acted as private secretary to Governor Flenning, residing at the state capital, Charleston. He read law while thus serving and in the summer of 1893 took the examination and was admitted to practice. In the fall of the same year he entered the University of Virginia, and in the spring of 1894 returned to Wheeling, taking the place of the retiring junior member of the firm of which his father was then the head. Upon the father's death the survivors continued in business until September, 1899, when Judge Melvin went upon the Circuit Court bench; and since then Mr. Ewing has practiced alone at No. 1400 Chapline street. He is still unmarried. In politics he affiliates with the Democratic party. He is a member of the college fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta, and is

a past master of Wheeling Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. He has a well-established practice and a host of friends in and out of the profession and in all portions of the State.



IRA J. RHODES.

IRA J. RHODES, the efficient cashier of the McDowell County Bank, at Welch, West Virginia, is one of the town's much esteemed citizens. He was born in 1871, in Rockingham County, Virginia, and is a son of Jacob S. and Katherine (Beery) Rhodes, both of whom are of Dutch extraction. The father was a farmer of Rockingham County. Both he and his wife belonged to the German Baptist Church.

Mr. Rhodes was educated in the

common schools and after completing the prescribed course of instruction accepted a clerical position in a store, in 1896 entering The Bank of Bramwell, Bramwell, West Virginia, as book-keeper. He remained in that capacity for four years. In July, 1900, the McDowell County Bank was organized, at Welch, and since that time he has filled the responsible position of cashier of the institution. As a financier he is highly valued and his accommodating spirit has won him many business friends.

In 1900 Mr. Rhodes married Janie Gibboney, who is a daughter of James M. and Lucy Gibboney, of Wytheville, Virginia. They have one daughter,—Elizabeth. Mrs. Rhodes belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Rhodes is a Knight Templar and Shriner. In politics he votes independently.

JAMES BRADLEY, the only undertaker located at New Cumberland, Hancock County, West Virginia, at the present time, has also served in the capacity of justice of the peace for a period of six years. He is a man of high standing in the community, where he has a host of friends.

Mr. Bradley was born in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1843,

and is a son of Joshua and Mary A. (Harsha) Bradley, both natives of Beaver County. Joshua Bradley moved to Hancock County when past middle age, and when our subject was about 15 years of age. He was not actively engaged in business during his late years, and died in 1875, at the age of 75 years. Mary A. Harsha, mother of our subject, died when the latter was quite young. She was a daughter of John Harsha, who spent his entire life in Beaver County, dying in 1857 at an advanced age. John Harsha was a Whig and prominent in political affairs. He served six years in the State Legislature of Pennsylvania, walking from his home in Beaver County to the State capital, Harrisburg. He was the only member of that body who was at that time the possessor of a watch. The Harshas were of Scotch descent, and were early settlers in this country. Joshua Bradley and his worthy wife were parents of 12 children, as follows: Rachel, who died in girlhood; John, who removed to Hancock County, West Virginia, where he died; Esther, who married Thomas Tare, and resides in Washington County, Pennsylvania; Margaret, who died in girlhood; William, who lived the latter years of his life in New Cumberland; Thomas W., 2nd lieutenant of Company I, 12th Reg.

West Virginia Vol. Inf., who was killed in the battle of Winchester, June 13, 1863; Mary, wife of William Branden, who resides in Cleveland, Ohio; James, subject of this biography; Jennie, who married James G. Wey,—they reside in Kokomo, Indiana, but spend much of their time in Florida; Elizabeth, who resides in Washington, Pennsylvania; Lorina, who resides in Tiffin, Ohio; and Isabel, deceased, whose husband, David Jenkins, is also deceased.

James Bradley was educated in the public schools of Pennsylvania, and was 19 years old when he took up arms for the cause of the Union. He enlisted in Company F, 1st Reg., West Virginia Vol. Inf., October 10, 1862, and with his regiment participated in all the West Virginia campaigns, and was with General Sheridan in his numerous skirmishes with General Early in the Shenandoah Valley. He was in Hunter's Raid and went through to Lynchburg. His regiment took part in the following engagements: Winchester, New Market, Piedmont, Opaquan Creek, and was present at the surrender of Early's army at Cedar Creek, where the colonel of the regiment was killed. Mr. Bradley was never injured nor taken prisoner, and his comrades were wont to jokingly remark that he hid behind his ramrod, in explanation of his freedom from

injury, as most of the members of his company were wounded at one time or another. He was mustered out at Clarksburg, July 12, 1865, and discharged at Wheeling about 10 days later. He then returned to private life and for a time engaged in contracting as a carpenter. In 1872 he first engaged in the undertaking business and this has been his vocation since that time. He gained the confidence of the people to a marked degree, and although he has had numerous competitors they did not remain in New Cumberland long. His son is now in partnership with him. He has been justice of the peace for six years, and was postmaster under President Harrison, bringing the office up to its present grade. He is a Republican.

In 1868, Mr. Bradley married Jennie Thayer, a daughter of William Thayer, who died when she was small, and thereafter she lived with an uncle Nathan Thayer. They have the following children: Mary, wife of H. C. Stewart, of New Cumberland; Nora, wife of George W. Neal; Nettie, widow of John C. Fisher, who died in 1902; Fred, who is in partnership with his father; Carrie, wife of E. A. Hart, an attorney-at-law of New Cumberland; Mabel, who died in December, 1897, at the age of 17 years; and Olive who is

living at home. Mr. Bradley is a member of W. A. Atkinson Post, No. 18, G. A. R. Religiously, he is a member of the M. P. Church.



HOWARD SCOTT SMITH.

HOWARD SCOTT SMITH, one of the leading business citizens of Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia, identified with the coal, timber and real estate interests of that section, was born at Burlington, Iowa, May 24, 1867. He is a son of James and Ellen (Kitzmiller) Smith, the former of whom was born in Harrison County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and until his death, in 1889, at the age of 65 years, engaged in farming and stockraising in this State. The mother

of our subject was born at Stony River Bridge, Mineral County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and she still survives, having reached the age of 74 years. She has been a consistent member of the Baptist Church for a long period. Six of her nine children are still living.

Howard Scott Smith was mainly educated at Lebanon, Ohio. He left school to take charge of the *Clarksburg News*, which he ably edited for two years. He then traveled in the interests of a wholesale lumber firm of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, for some time. He is now extensively interested in coal, lumber and real estate in West Virginia. In 1902 he organized, in Clarksburg, the Wabash Coal & Coke Company, which is capitalized at \$200,000, for the purpose of mining and manufacturing coal, coke and all by-products. In religious faith Mr. Smith is a Baptist, and in politics a Democrat. He is one of the progressive and wide-awake young men of his section, with large business interests and the capacity to manage them.

WILLIAM A. LEWIS, cashier of the Bank of Smithfield, Wetzel County, West Virginia, was born June 22, 1875,

at Broad Run, Fauquier County, Virginia, and is a son of Hon. William H. and Sue (Smith) Lewis, both of whom were natives of that county.

The Lewis family is of Irish descent, but the grandparents of William A. Lewis, William Lewis and his wife, who was a Miss Moorhead, were natives of Virginia. On the maternal side, the ancestry is also of the Old Dominion, the Smith family long belonging to Virginia's first families.

Hon. William H. Lewis, father of our subject, member of the Virginia Legislature from Fauquier County, is a prominent farmer of that locality. During the progress of the Civil War, he served as a member of the famous Black Horse Cavalry and was one of General Lee's special scouts. He participated in many of the battles of that war, beginning with Bull Run, suffered imprisonment and many of the troubles incident to exposure when in ill health, but survived them all, and at the age of 65 years still takes a leading part in public affairs in his State. The mother of our subject is a daughter of William A. Smith and his wife, who was a Miss Glasscock, and a granddaughter of William Smith, who was a brother of the noted War Governor of Virginia, Governor A. J. Smith.

Mrs. Lewis was one of her parents' seven children; several of her brothers served in the Confederate Army and met death in the service.

Our subject is the second member of the family born to his parents, viz.: H. M., of Charlottesville, Virginia; William A.; Richard, who is living on the homestead; Thomas, who died in infancy; and Fanny M., who is living at home. Mr. Lewis was reared in Fauquier County and was educated at the Bethel Military Academy, at Bethel, Virginia, where he was graduated at the age of 18 years. For three years he then was engaged in a mercantile business at Charlottesville, Virginia, and in the same line located in West Virginia. After a period as clerk in the First National Bank at Mannington, in 1897, he became associated as cashier with the Bank of Smithfield, a position which he has most capably filled ever since. This is one of the sound financial institutions of the county and Mr. Lewis' conservative and careful course as cashier meets with general approbation.

On September 20, 1900, he married Mae Robinson, daughter of John Robinson, of Smithfield. Fraternally he is connected with Mannington Lodge, No. 31, A. F. & A. M., and White Lily Lodge, No. 94, Knights of Pyth-

ias, of Smithfield. Religiously, he belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church.



HON. M. P. SHAWKEY.

HON. M. P. SHAWKEY, one of the best known educators in West Virginia, for six years chief clerk in the department of schools, and an author of a number of valuable textbooks, was born at Sigel, Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1868. He is a son of George and Annie Elizabeth (Witherspoon) Shawkey, who were pioneers in Western Pennsylvania.

The father of Mr. Shawkey was born near Bremen, Germany, and mi-

grated to Pennsylvania with his parents, in childhood. His mother, who belonged to a Scotch-Irish colonial family, was a daughter of John Wither- spoon, who was a grandson of John Witherspoon, the signer of the Declara- tion of Independence from New Jersey. Her mother belonged to the Siverly family, prominent people in Philadel- phia and throughout Western Pennsyl- vania.

Thus, it will be seen, Mr. Shawkey began life with favorable environments. His natural talents were developed in the public schools of his native State, at Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, and the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. He was a leader in college sports, graduated with honors in the class of 1894, and was president of his class. Prior to this he had done a little clerical work in a store and took one year out of his college course to ac- cept a position as assistant superintend- ent of schools in Pennsylvania. His graduation was followed by one year's service as superintendent of schools at Reynolds, North Dakota, and he was honored by an election to a position on the faculty of Montana University and on that of the West Virginia Confer- ence Seminary, resulting in his accept- ance of the latter position. There he remained two years and was most high-

ly esteemed by both students and his associates of the faculty.

In 1897 Mr. Shawkey moved to Charleston with State Superintendent J. R. Trotter, a close personal friend, and for six years served as chief clerk in the department of schools and as manager of the *West Virginia School Journal*. He is the author of the West Virginia supplement to Rand, McNally & Company's "Grammar School Geog- raphy." In 1903 he was chairman of the committee of education in the House of Delegates and became active not only on account of his work on school legislation but on other lines. He is the author of the compulsory education law and others, and is a member of the committee on railroads. Mr. Shawkey was the leading candidate for the speak- ership and was defeated at last only by a combination of the entire field, seven aspirants and their followers, working against him. For three years he has been president of the Central Coal & Lumber Company and is largely inter- ested in other business enterprises.

On January 22, 1902, he married Elizabeth Locke Carver, a daughter of John Carver, one of the most progres- sive and successful business men in the Kanawha Valley, the senior member of the firm of Carver Brothers, among the pioneer coal men of the Valley, and the

largest shippers in that section of the State. Mr. and Mrs. Shawkey reside in their pleasant home on Upper Virginia street, Charleston, overlooking the Great Kanawha River.

Religiously, Mr. Shawkey is connected with the Methodist Church. Fraternally, he belongs to the college society, Phi Delta Theta. Mr. Shawkey has great confidence in the future of West Virginia and is a zealous worker for the best interests of the State.



WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON HOLSWADE.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON HOLSWADE, a prominent and representative business citizen of Huntington, West Virginia, was born in Lewis County, Virginia, now West Virginia, February 16, 1847, and is a

son of Christian Frederick and Martha (Alkire) Holswade.

Christian Frederick Holswade was born August 4, 1819, in Westphalia, Prussia, and died at his home near Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia, in 1876. He came to the United States in 1835, and in 1846 was married to Martha Alkire, daughter of Nicholas Alkire, one of the most prominent citizens of Lewis County, Virginia, now West Virginia. Their children were: William Henry Harrison, Joseph Alkire, George Washington and John Marcellus.

The subject of this sketch was educated in the common schools and at Marshall College State Normal School, and subsequently taught school in Roane and Kanawha counties. He removed to Huntington in March, 1873, and for the following two years assisted M. H. Brooks in the post office. He then engaged in the book and news business with Herman Jenkins as partner. Afterwards he embarked in a furniture or house furnishing business to which he has ever since devoted his time and energies, and modestly admits a remarkable degree of success.

In September, 1875, Mr. Holswade was married to Georgie Ella Gallagher, eldest daughter of James and Mary Gallagher of Huntington, and one son

was born to this union on April 6, 1878, and bears the name of James Frederick. Mr. Holswade, wife and son are all members of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington and are among its most liberal supporters and active workers.

Mr. Holswade is prominently connected with several fraternal societies, among which are the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Honor and National Union. In the Masonic bodies he has been recognized as worthy of great responsibility, has served in many official position, and is past master of Huntington Lodge, No. 51, A. F. & A. M.; past commander of Huntington Commandery, No. 9, K. T.; past grand commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of West Virginia; and is a life member of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States.

Although one of the busiest of business men, Mr. Holswade has always taken a lively interest in the affairs of Huntington and has most efficiently filled many positions of confidence and trust conferred upon him by his fellow citizens in such organizations as the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association and Board of Education, of which latter body he is at present the honored president.

His beautiful and commodious home, tastefully furnished and liberally supplied with choice books, as well as his magnificent store and its appointments attest his superior taste and liberal intellectual endowments.



EDGAR T. SPRINKLE.

EDGAR T. SPRINKLE, sheriff of McDowell County, West Virginia, and a well known resident of Welch, was born in Smyth County, Virginia, in 1868. He is a son of William H. and Bell (Richardson) Sprinkle.

William H. Sprinkle was born in 1841, and is a prominent farmer of Smyth County, Virginia. He served all through the Civil War, in the Con-

federate Army. In politics Mr. Sprinkle is a Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The mother of Sheriff Sprinkle was also born in Smyth County, and died in 1885, at the age of 47 years. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. A family of six children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprinkle.

Edgar T. Sprinkle obtained his education in the common schools of Smyth County and then went into the service of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company in 1888 as telegraph operator and station agent. Since 1891 he has been a resident of McDowell County. He resided in Vivian township seven years and has been a resident of Welch one year. In November, 1900, he was elected to the office of sheriff of McDowell County. In this difficult position Mr. Sprinkle has given excellent satisfaction, carrying out the intent of the law without fear or favor.

In 1896 Sheriff Sprinkle was married to Ollie Neff, who was born in Smyth County, Virginia, and is a daughter of James P. and Fannie Neff. They have one daughter, Vivian. Mrs. Sprinkle is a member of the Lutheran Church. In politics Sheriff Sprinkle is a Republican and an influential member of his party.



HON. A. E. KENNEY.

HON. A. E. KENNEY, member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, from Grantsville, Calhoun County, and one of the ablest attorneys of that section of the State, was born October 5, 1867, and is a son of M. and Mary E. Kenney, both of whom are of Irish extraction, although born near McConnelsville, Ohio. The father of Mr. Kenney was engaged in a mercantile business and was also interested in the development of oil properties.

The educational advantages enjoyed by our subject were of an excellent character. After completing the course at Burning Springs High School in Wirt County, West Virginia, he began

the study of the law, inheriting a natural ability for this profession from a long line of Irish ancestors. After practicing for a time at Grantsville, in 1893 he went to Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., where he graduated in 1895, with the degree of LL. M. He located at Grantsville, and immediately entered actively into politics. His ability was soon recognized and in 1896 he was elected to the House of Delegates and has been honored by re-elections in 1900 and 1902. In 1897 he was made a member of the Constitutional Commission. On the floor of the House of Delegates he has shown so much political acumen and organizing ability, that he earned for himself the honor of being elected by his party in caucus as leader of the steering committee and was the nominee of the minority for Speaker of the House. Although belonging to the minority side of the House, his political tactics were of such a nature as to secure the passage of a number of important measures, in which a large proportion of his constituents were interested. His long occupancy of this honorable position has enable Mr. Kenney to become thoroughly acquainted with the political situation in West Virginia and his abilities are such that it seems safe to predict for him a continued success-

ful career in the same field. Mr. Kenney is one of the leading Democrats of Calhoun County. Aside from his political work he has found time for various literary efforts, and "Kenney's Geography of West Virginia" is a favorite textbook.

Mr. Kenney in addition to his law practice has given considerable time to organizing several oil and gas companies that have developed territory in Calhoun and Gilmer Counties.



REV. JOHN FRANK BAXTER.

REV. JOHN FRANK BAXTER, son of Jacob and Saraphina (Shannon) Baxter, was born in Washington County, Tennessee, in 1866.

His father, a descendant of an old Scotch family, was a native of Virginia. When a young man he went down into the Valley of Tennessee and purchased a farm upon which he has since lived for over half a century.

Our subject's mother was born in Washington County, Tennessee, and is of Irish extraction. Her grandfather was born during the voyage between Ireland and America. By this union there were eight children born, five sons and three daughters; the three eldest—two daughters and one son—died in infancy; the other five are now living,—George W., pastor of a Congregational Church in Iowa; Elbridge J., an attorney-at-law at the county seat of Washington County, Tennessee; Rev. John Frank, the third member; William W., a Presbyterian minister in Kentucky; Lulu L. is at home. The highest aim and ambition of the parents was to secure a liberal education for their children.

Both Jacob Baxter and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as trustee for many years, and is also a trustee of Washington College, the oldest institution of learning in the State. He is a man of positive character and of firm principles. At the outbreak of the Rebellion, he was opposed to secession; he

is now a conservative Democrat. He is hale and hearty at the good age of 86 years, his wife being 75 years old.

The subject of this sketch was graduated from Washington College in the class of 1888, and from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, in 1891.

Immediately after leaving the Seminary, he received a call to the Ravenswood Presbyterian Church and has since been its faithful pastor.

Mr. Baxter was married June 17, 1897, to Julia Curtis, of Ohio. During his labors in this field, the Ravenswood Church has expended over \$2,000 in repairs, and a convenient chapel has been erected at a cost of \$1,200. The church membership has been doubled.

Rev. Mr. Baxter also has charge of the church at Spencer, the county seat of Roane County, where a new brick edifice is in course of construction, costing \$4,000.

He is recognized as a scholarly and sincere Christian gentleman. While loyal to his own church, his breadth of mind and catholic sympathy of heart make him charitable and loving towards all churches.

Rev. Mr. Baxter is in close touch with the hearts of his people and the community at large, as the healthy growth and stability of his work bear

evidence. His pastorate has been one of more than ordinary duration and has been attended with success.



J. WALTER HAMBRICK.

J. WALTER HAMBRICK, one of the most active promoters and stirring young business men of Huntington, West Virginia, was born in Mason County, West Virginia, April 3, 1878. He is the president of the Crown Coal & Lumber Company and the owner and manager of an immense plant at Central City engaged in the manufacture of nail kegs and oval wood dishes, besides being both actively and financially interested in a number of other successful enterprises.

Mr. Hambrick was educated at the

Mountain State Business College, at Parkersburg, and entered upon an active career while quite young. He began by buying and selling timber at the age of 22 years and has been located at Huntington since 1894. He organized the Big Woods Lumber Company, and the Big Woods, Lombard & Red River Railroad Company, operating in Kentucky, and is vice-president of and a director of the same; the company controls over 6,000 acres of heavily timbered land and some 13 miles of well equipped narrow-gauge railroad. This property is located near the center of the Kentucky oil fields and the land is also underlaid with coal. He is also extensively interested in about 232,000 acres of coal and timber lands, and is pushing developing work. He is also president of the Crown Coal & Lumber Company, but for some time past he has been giving particular attention to the management and improvement, by the introduction of up-to-date machinery, of his plant at Central City where he manufactures nail kegs and oval wood dishes. Mr. Hambrick has in addition to his Central City plant a thoroughly equipped saw and planing mill which enables him to produce his own material for building his houses and boxes for his own purpose. He also has for a supply of raw material over

30,000 acres of timber land and stumpage, which assures him of a constant supply of material at a low price for the Central City plant. He also operates a band mill, besides some portable mills, in which he is directly interested.

His Central City plant he has built up until the various buildings cover a floor space of 68,000 square feet, and the capacity of the plant is about 10,000 kegs and 600,000 oval wood dishes per day. The output is all contracted for and larger facilities are necessary. Much of the new machinery was invented and patented by Mr. Hambrick himself, one of these being used in the manufacture of the oval dishes by which they are turned out neither chipped nor checked and an inch of lumber furnishes 25 dishes. His stave machine cuts the staves in natural form without heating, and they can be cut any width.

Mr. Hambrick has purchased a number of lots at Central City, near his plant and will soon begin the erection of 40 houses for the use of his employees. Besides his other enterprises, he operates three general stores, one in Central City and two in Kentucky. Mr. Hambrick has conveniently located offices in the Florentine Hotel building, Huntington, and is always in the market to buy or sell all kinds of lum-

ber, and makes a specialty of handling hard wood lumber for stock purposes. In getting out raw material, about 160 men are employed, in addition to his factory operatives.

On June 10, 1902, Mr. Hambrick was united in marriage with Helen D. Strack, daughter of E. W. Strack, of Ashland, Kentucky, an extensive operator of that town who pays particular attention to getting out chair stock.

It is somewhat remarkable for a country-bred lad to so quickly take a leading position among old business veterans. His faculties are keen, his judgment unfailing, his thorough understanding complete concerning anything he undertakes, while he also possesses that daring which accompanies his temperament. The fact is, he acts while others meditate.

ELSON CRAWFORD, county surveyor of Cabell County and city engineer of Huntington, West Virginia, is a thoroughly practical as well as a self-made man. He was born in Lawrence County, Ohio, January 7, 1866, and is the oldest of a family of three children of A. E. Crawford, who was born March 29, 1835. The parents of our subject are farming people and reside at Arabia, Ohio.

Elson Crawford had only the educational advantages to be had in attendance upon the common schools, with two terms of select school, but his natural inclinations along mechanical and engineering lines have been used with fair success, for he has given his employers entire satisfaction along those lines. In 1891 he removed to Huntington, and in September of that year accepted a position in the repair department of the Huntington Electric Light & Street Railway Company's car barn, and in 1895 was made master mechanic, which position he held until April 16, 1900, when he resigned and entered the field of civil engineering, a general practice of which he has since enjoyed. In November, 1900, he was elected to the office of county surveyor, and in May, 1901, was made city engineer. Without the advantages of resident college training, Mr. Crawford credits the greater portion of his success to the thorough presentation of the theory of engineering by the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania, in which he has been a student since 1893.

Mr. Crawford married a Miss Yates of Lawrence County, Ohio, and they have a family of six sons, namely: Herschel, Frederic L., Charles Hobart, Robert Evan, James Myron and John

Perry. His residence is at No. 520 7th street. In politics, Mr. Crawford is a Republican. He was at one time a member of Gen. Milroy Camp, Sons of Veterans, his right coming through his father, who was a member of Company E, 5th Reg., West Virginia Vol. Inf., for three years and three months in the War of the Rebellion, but that is the only secret society with which he has ever been connected.



E. A. HILL, M. D.

E. A. HILL, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Salem, Harrison County, West Virginia, was born September 5, 1866, near the headwaters of McKim Creek, Tyler County, West Virginia, and is a son of Ira and Mel-

vina Jane (Joseph) Hill, both of whom were natives of Tyler County.

Dr. Hill comes of old established families of Tyler County, of Welsh-Irish stock, pioneers from Eastern Virginia. The Hills are very numerous in Tyler County, although all have not descended from the same common ancestry.

Thomas Hill, the great-grandfather of Dr. Hill, was reared in the vicinity of Mannington, Marion County, and was the founder of the family in Tyler County, near McKim Creek. There Ira Hill, the father of Dr. Hill, was born, being a son of Horace and Margaret (Davis) Hill, who were also natives of the same section. Ira Hill still resides near McKim Creek, aged about 55 years. Mr. Hill first married Melvina Jane Joseph, who was a daughter of Nathan and Ann (Hustead) Joseph, residents of Joseph's Mills, Tyler County, where Nathan Joseph's father founded the family early in the last century, coming from Virginia. Mr. Joseph still resides in the old homestead at Joseph's Mills at the age of 86 years. The mother of Dr. Hill died when he was about two years old and he is the only survivor of her three children. The second marriage of Ira Hill to Salina Gregg resulted in two

sons, of whom the survivor, Leonidas, resides at home.

Dr. E. A. Hill was reared a farm boy in Tyler County, and passed his youth alternating between attendance at the local schools and work on the farm. At the age of 20 years he began to teach school, and followed this profession four years, spending part of the time in attending school himself. His medical education was commenced under Dr. I. S. Jones, of Mole Hill, Ritchie County, West Virginia. He then spent one year in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Maryland, subsequently entering Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, where he graduated in medicine in 1892. In 1898 Dr. Hill took a post-graduate course in the New York Polyclinic Medical College and Hospital. After his graduation in 1892, he entered into practice at Shirley, Tyler County, where he continued for six years. After his return from his post-graduate course in New York, he engaged in practice for one year at Pine Forks, an oil district, and one year at West Union, in Doddridge County. Dr. Hill then removed to Harrison County, locating at Salem, since which time he has been successfully engaged in practice all through his section of

the county, particularly at Salem and Wolf Summit.

In 1888, Dr. Hill married Angeline Harper, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Markle) Harper, natives of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Harper resided near Pennsboro, Ritchie County, West Virginia, from 1865; the former died in 1902, and the latter in 1903. Mrs. Hill was born in the home in Ritchie County, in 1866. Two children have been born to this union, Albert Bleile, whose birth occurred July 26, 1893; and a son born March 20, 1895, who died in infancy.

Dr. Hill has given faithful and efficient service during his residence in Harrison County, and is highly esteemed both by the profession and the public.

JOSEPH DORSEY DuBOIS, late secretary, and at present a director, of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company was born at Dorsey's Flats, Jefferson County, Ohio, April 13, 1827. His father, John P. M. DuBois, was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and was a son of John Joseph DuBois, who immigrated from Strasburg, France, to the United States, settling in Philadelphia.

John P. M. DuBois removed to Steubenville, Ohio, in the "twenties,"

and was engaged as a clerk in the drug store conducted by his cousin, Dr. George Wilson. In February, 1826, he was joined in marriage, in Jefferson County, Ohio, to Nancy Dorsey, who was born near Brownsville, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and came from the well known Dorsey family of Maryland. Our subject's maternal great-grandfather was Peter Miller, who came from Mannheim, Germany, and for a half century lived in Philadelphia; he was vice-president of the German Society of Pennsylvania from the beginning of that organization until 1772. At one time Mr. Miller was employed in a printing office with Dr. Benjamin Franklin, and later was himself proprietor of a publication. He was an appointee of the Crown in the office of notary public, and drew up legal documents and acted as German interpreter. After his marriage, John P. M. DuBois began farming at Dorsey's Flats, Ohio, where he lived until 1857, removing in that year to Iowa, where his death took place in 1868. His wife survived him until 1888, when she, too, passed away.

Joseph Dorsey DuBois was reared on his father's farm and received his educational training in the common schools up to his 12th year, when he became a pupil in the Grove Academy

at Steubenville, and subsequently attended advanced schools. In 1847 he entered upon the study of the law with Joseph M. Mason at Steubenville, and also for a period was in the office of Hon. Edwin M. Stanton with a fellow student, Robert L. McCook, with whom he was admitted to the bar of Ohio at Cadiz in 1848. In September, 1849, he went on the river as steamboat clerk, and in December, 1853, became clerk of Union Line packet "City of Wheeling," of which the late Capt. John McLure was in command. Mr. DuBois remained on the river as clerk and captain until 1864, when he resigned as captain of the St. Louis and New Orleans steamer "J. C. Swan." In connection with others, in 1860 he built the steamboat "Prince of Wales," and ran between St. Louis and New Orleans until the commencement of the Civil War.

After resigning his position as captain of the "J. C. Swan," Mr. DuBois returned to Wheeling, and on June 30, 1864, became secretary and business manager of the Belmont Nail Company, which position he occupied until the Belmont Nail Company, in June, 1892, was consolidated with the Benwood Iron Works, the Wheeling Iron & Nail Company and the Wheeling Steel Works, constituting the Wheeling

Steel & Iron Company, of which Mr. DuBois was elected secretary. This position he resigned March 16, 1899, and retired from active business.

Mr. DuBois was a prominent promoter of the Wheeling & Elm Grove Railway Company, and served as its president for 16 years. At the time of the company's organization, the project had but few friends and strong opposition, many people considering that it would be impracticable. Numerous difficulties had to be overcome before the railway could be built. The organizers were forced to contend with the State Legislature, the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council, all of which refused to allow the use of steam motors. The Legislature hesitated in permitting a steam railway along the National Road, and horses were used for a number of years, but with varied success, and the operation of the road was about to be abandoned, when the use of steam motors was finally permitted,—this has since been succeeded by the electric trolley system. Owing to the convenience of travel between the city and the end of the line, many palatial residences and hundreds of houses have been erected along the entire length of the road, from Wheeling to Elm Grove. Mr. DuBois resigned the presidency of the company

on January 16, 1892, in favor of Anton Reynmann, the present incumbent.

Mr. DuBois was married January 27, 1857, to Ellen Zane Armstrong, a native of Wheeling, and daughter of the late Francis Rawdon Armstrong, who immigrated with his parents from Ireland to Virginia when a lad. Our subject and his wife had two daughters, one of whom is now living, Mary P., wife of J. J. Holloway, a well known, enterprising citizen of Wheeling. Mr. DuBois has made his home in Leatherwood for many years, having commenced to improve it in 1868. It is very beautiful and attractive. Much of the shrubbery and all of the trees were planted by his own hand. It is a charming place and one of the most attractive homes in that suburban village. His wife died July 24, 1894.

Mr. DuBois has been connected with many public enterprises outside of his regular business as an iron and steel manufacturer. At present he is a director of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company, Wheeling and Elm Grove Railroad Company and Franklin Insurance Company. He was a member of the City Council for a time. He has been a Mason for the past 48 years, and has been a member of the vestry of St. Matthew's Protestant Episcopal Church 31 years,

being at present senior warden. He is well known as a man of honor and integrity.



ARMOR STEWART COOPER.

ARMOR STEWART COOPER, a prominent citizen of New Cumberland, Hancock County, West Virginia, has served in the capacity of county clerk since 1896 in such a manner as to gain the approval of his fellow citizens. He was born at Port Homer, Jefferson County, Ohio, February 6, 1866, and is a son of Ephraim W. and Harriet S. (Stewart) Cooper, and grandson of Alexander and Elizabeth (Vantilburg) Cooper.

Alexander Cooper, who was a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania, migrated in early life to Jeffer-

son County, Ohio. He was married to Elizabeth Vantilburg, May 12, 1812, and they became the parents of the following children: Sarah, wife of John Travis, both deceased; Jane, wife of ——Leatherberry, both deceased; Elizabeth, wife of John Culp, both deceased; Susan, wife of Isaac Hukill, both deceased; Henry, deceased; Alexander, Jr., deceased; Ann Eliza, wife of Silas Householder, both deceased; Francis V., deceased; Nancy, widow of Mathias Householder; and John and Ephraim W., who live in Jefferson County, Ohio.

Ephraim W. Cooper was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, June 24, 1834, and is now engaged in fruit growing on an extensive scale, his earlier life having been devoted to mercantile business. He is a well known and substantial citizen. He has the honor of serving as justice of the peace in his county longer than any other man in the State of Ohio. He is a Republican and has always taken an active part in political affairs. He was united in marriage with Martha A. Cole, of Jefferson County, Ohio; she died in one year after their marriage, leaving an infant daughter, named Jennie S., who died at the age of 18 years, being at the time of her death a member of the graduating class of the Wellsville High

School. Mr. Cooper was again married, on the 12th day of April, 1865, to Harriet S. Stewart, of Hancock County, West Virginia. She was born on the 22nd day of August, 1838, and is a daughter of James and Catharine (Fibbs) Stewart, and a granddaughter of Col. George Stewart, deceased.

Col. George Stewart was born in Ireland, and immigrated to America previous to the Revolutionary War, locating in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. He served in the Colonial Army as colonel and bore an honorable record. Whilst that memorable struggle was in progress, he paid a short visit to his home. One day during the period of this visit, three Tories, or British sympathizers, entered the house of a widow lady in the vicinity, and conducted themselves in such a shameful and discourteous manner that the lady and her daughter were greatly alarmed. Colonel Stewart was dispatched for and immediately went to their assistance, captured the three men and held them as prisoners until he could report to headquarters, when they were justly dealt with. When capturing them, he relieved them of a sword, bayonet and pistol, which remained in the possession of the Stewarts until a few years ago. Colonel Stewart was married to a lady

in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; she died after a union of 15 years, leaving a family of six children, namely: John, George, Joseph, David, Robert and Charles. Colonel Stewart was again married, after the lapse of a few years, to Susan Wilson; six children were born to them: Samuel; William; Benjamin; James, grandfather of our subject; Mary and Ross. At an early day he moved with his family to Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and in 1790 they migrated to Grant district, Hancock County, Virginia, now West Virginia, settling on a farm owned later by Franklin Stewart. On this farm Colonel Stewart remained until his death which occurred about 1800. His relict survived him until 1842, when she too departed this life.

James Stewart, father of Mrs. Ephraim W. Cooper, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1787, and removed with his father to Hancock County in 1790. He lived there until his death in 1869, and his wife followed him to the unknown beyond in 1871. He married Catharine Fibbs, and shortly after their marriage they located on a tract of land now in possession of Samuel Stewart's heirs. Eleven children were born to bless their union, namely: Mary Ann, wife of James Pugh, both deceased; Mrs. Eliza

White, deceased; Jane, deceased, who was the wife of David S. Anderson; Harriet S., wife of Ephraim W. Cooper; Margaret, deceased; George, deceased; John, deceased; Charles, deceased; William, deceased; Samuel, deceased; and Robert, who lives at Colfax, Iowa.

Seven children were born to Ephraim W. and Harriet S. (Stewart) Cooper, namely: Armor S., our subject; Edwin W.; Lorena B., wife of Dr. W. L. Carroll; Dr. Chase D.; R. Hayes; George W., who died in childhood; and Charles A.

Armor S. Cooper was reared in Jefferson County, Ohio, and educated in the public schools. He graduated from Duff's Commercial College in 1886, after which he engaged in the steamboating business as a partner of T. J. Garlick and others, under the name of the Silver Cliff Towboat Company, operating between Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Louisville, Kentucky, for a period of three years. He then withdrew from that business and became identified with the Shetter Foundry & Machine Company, of which he was secretary and treasurer for several years. He has been a resident of New Cumberland since 1888. In 1896 he became a candidate for the office of county clerk of Hancock County, and

his election followed; he took charge of the office in January, 1897. In 1902, he was re-elected for a second term of six years, and is now serving in that office.

Mr. Cooper was united in marriage October 6, 1887, to Mame V. Thomas, of Hancock County, a daughter of William and Sarah A. (Collver) Thomas, who reside at Moscow, West Virginia. Her father was born June 28, 1847, in Hancock County, his parents having migrated from Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1820,—his father's name was William Thomas and his mother's maiden name was Lynch. On the 15th day of February, 1864, at the age of 18 years, the father of Mrs. Cooper responded to the call of his country, enlisting at Wheeling, West Virginia, as a private in the War of the Rebellion, under Capt. Oliver Phelps, in Company B, 1st Vet. Reg., West Virginia Vol. Inf. He was present and took part in Hunter's Raid, and the historic battles of Lookout Mountain, Winchester and Cedar Creek, and was honorably discharged from the service at Cumberland, Maryland, July 21, 1865. Mr. Thomas was united in marriage January 21, 1866, to Sarah A. Collver, who was born in Hancock County, May 28, 1848, and is a daughter of the late Levi and Mary Collver. Levi Collver was

born in Canada, February 14, 1805, came to this country in early life and located in Hancock County, Virginia, now West Virginia. On August 3, 1830, he was united in marriage to Mary Latimer, who was born October 21, 1805, and was a daughter of William and Mary (Brown) Latimer. William Latimer was born in Ireland in 1796 and with his family immigrated to this country in 1805, settling in Brooke County, Virginia, now West Virginia. Mrs. Mame V. Cooper was born in Hancock County, October 6, 1869, and is one of the following children born to her parents, Edward A.; Mame V.; Charles; Lewis; George B.; Hugh W.; Maude E.; Jeffry, deceased; Florence N., deceased; Bennett, deceased; Harry and Elizabeth.

Three children have blessed the union of our subject and his wife, namely: Walter Waldo, born July 16, 1888; Donald Beaumont, born July 3, 1900, and died November 10, 1902; and Kathryn Virginia, born July 17, 1895. Mr. Cooper has always been an active worker in the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, having united with that church when a boy, and has always been much interested and actively engaged in church and Sunday-school work.



E. R. B. MARTIN.

E. R. B. MARTIN, a prominent member of the Pleasants County bar, residing at St. Marys, was born August 11, 1874, near Middlebourne, Tyler County, West Virginia, and is a son of Robert B. F. and Laura (Engle) Martin, the former of whom was a son of Reuben and Nancy (Courtney) Martin, the latter of whom was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born on the passage from Ireland to New York.

The maternal grandfather of our subject was Christian Engle, whose ancestors came from Saxony. Christian Engle was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, in 1817, and came to what is now West Virginia in 1837, by way of the Monongahela and Ohio rivers, stopping first at Sistersville, and

then proceeding to Middlebourne, where he still resides at the age of 85 years. Christian Engle is perhaps more widely known as an old pioneer and useful citizen than any other West Virginian. For 42 years he served continuously as Circuit Court clerk of Tyler County and was the first deputy clerk of the combined Circuit and County courts before the separation, and went out of office in 1897. This is the most remarkable public record in the State. He was noted for his marvelous memory,—of people, papers, events, and it has been said that he was better posted in common law practice than most of the lawyers, who frequently consulted him. It was under this very capable man that the subject of this sketch gained his most valuable knowledge of the common law, which led him into the study of the law and eventually to his admission to the bar. The wife of Christian Engle, Amy Hartley, was of English, Irish and German extraction, and was born in Greene County, Pennsylvania, in 1818, and died in 1898. The Engles and Hartleys came together to West Virginia. The Courtneys settled in Monongalia County, Virginia, now West Virginia. The Martins were of German descent and natives of West Virginia.

Robert B. F. Martin was one of

the pioneers of Tyler County. He was the seventh member of a family of 12 children. He attended the subscription schools of his day, but they afforded but meager instruction. His occupation was farm work until the outbreak of the Civil War, when at the age of 23 years with his two brothers, Reuben and Anthony, he enlisted for service, in Company K, 7th Reg., West Virginia Vol. Inf.; he took part in the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg, and after two years was honorably discharged. Returning home to Tyler County, he married Laura Engle, eldest daughter of Christian and Amy (Hartley) Engle, and the three children born to this marriage were: Christian R., born October 18, 1865, who is engaged in the practice of law at Middlebourne; Asia, born March 20, 1867, who is residing at home; and E. R. B., of this sketch. R. B. F. Martin has been a very successful business man and practical farmer. Both he and his wife still reside near Middlebourne, aged respectively 65 and 62 years. Mrs. Martin is a lady who possesses literary ability. Had she been given advantages in youth she would doubtless have become widely known as a writer of verse.

Our subject was educated in the common schools of West Virginia and then took a complete business course at

Wheeling, where he graduated in 1894. Then he entered the University of West Virginia at Morgantown, where he graduated with the degree of LL. B., in 1898. When but 17 years old he began to teach school, following this vocation for two years in Tyler County, subsequently becoming principal of the Middlebourne High School. He also served on the Tyler County Board of Education for the examination of teachers. It was in 1893 that he began the desultory study of the law, in connection with various other occupations, and in July 1898, he was admitted to practice, and opened up an office with Hon. T. P. Jacobs at Mannington, where he remained eight months, and then moved to St. Marys in 1899, where he entered into partnership with Hon. W. S. Allen, now at Parkersburg. Owing to ill health, he gave up his office practice in 1900 and engaged in outdoor occupation of leasing oil lands in the interest of the South Penn Oil Company, under S. S. Miller, district superintendent. A year later he severed this connection and formed a partnership with Hon. Clyde B. Johnson, of the St. Marys bar, which has resulted in the upbuilding of one of the most prominent and able law firms of West Virginia.

In politics Mr. Martin has been a

lifelong Republican, this being a family trait, and he has devoted much study to the fundamental principles of this party and is a man thoroughly informed on all affairs pertaining to State and national as well as civic matters.

On February 6, 1900, Mr. Martin was married to Jessie E. Stealey, daughter of L. L. and Mary H. (Billingsley) Stealey, of Tyler County. They have one son, Bruce, born July 14, 1902. Their beautiful home is situated on the Ohio River, in St. Marys.



GENIUS PAYNE.

GENIUS PAYNE, president of the Salem Bank, at Salem, Harrison County, West Virginia, and one of the large land owners and oil producers of

that county, was born November 25, 1844, on the West Fork River, three miles from Clarksburg, Harrison County, Virginia, now West Virginia. He is a son of Thomas T. and Henrietta (Smith) Payne, the former of whom was born April 8, 1814, in Fauquier County, Virginia, being a son of Turner and Lucy (Payne) Payne.

The Paynes are old residents of Virginia, the family having been established there at an early day by four brothers from England. It has been an agricultural family.

Turner Payne was a son of Thomas Payne, who died in Virginia. Turner Payne and his family removed to Western Virginia about 1840, remaining for a time in Taylor County and then settled in Harrison County on the Judge Lee place, on the West Fork River, now known as the Gore farm. Turner Payne and Lucy Payne had four children, namely: Francis B., who spent his life in Harrison County; Susan, who never married; Thomas T., who died August 19, 1899; and Sarah,—all are now deceased. The grandfather of our subject died in 1862, aged 82 years, his wife having died in 1850.

Thomas T. Payne, the father of Genius Payne, lived to the age of 85 years. He was twice married. The mother of Genius Payne died in 1854,

leaving four children, viz.: Amos, of Clarksburg; Olivia, wife of Jacob Romine, of West Milford; Lucy, widow of Scott Davidson, deceased, of West Milford; and Genius, of this sketch. The second marriage of Mr. Payne was to Elizabeth Thompson, and the two children of this union were: Maggie, wife of M. D. Stewart, of Clarksburg; and Nancy Bird, wife of R. A. Garrett, also of Clarksburg.

Genius Payne was reared on a farm and was educated in the local schools. Until the age of 24 years he was occupied on his father's farm and in the neighborhood of Wilsonburg, within four miles of Clarksburg. When he started out for himself, it was as a farmer on rented land. This property he now owns and on a part of it there have been successful oil developments. His father owned 140 acres near Jarvisville; Mr. Payne has added to the original tract and now owns 450 acres. He was one of the early experimenters in oil and holds the record of being the first man to sell oil that was produced and marketed in Harrison County, the first transaction taking place September 13, 1897. The oil was run into market by way of the Eureka Pipe Line and was sold for 69 cents per barrel. Mr. Payne also owns tracts in different sections and valuable lands

in Kansas. Since October 27, 1898, he has been president of the Salem Bank, and, since 1900, a resident of Salem. On January 14, 1869, Mr. Payne married Amanda C. Hammond, who was born on Lambert's Run, about six miles north of Clarksburg, and is the second member of a family of eight children born to Joseph and Susanna (Ash) Hammond, the others being: John, who lives near the old homestead; Margaret, who died aged 14 years; Joseph A., who lives two miles north of Clarksburg; Peter H., who resides at Los Angeles, California; Andrew Jackson, who is deceased; Etta, who is the wife of George Elliott; and D. W., who lives on the old homestead. Both the Hammonds and Ashes are old West Virginia families. Mrs. Payne's great-grandfather came from Germany and founded the family, and his son Peter was her grandfather. Joseph Hammond is of Irish and German descent and is a son of Robert Hammond, also an early settler. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hammond reside on the old homestead where Mrs. Payne was born.

The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Payne are: Alice H.; Truman H., a resident of Harrison County; Susan, wife of E. T. Young, of Salem; Thomas G., of Paola, Miami County, Kansas; and Emma J. Mr. Payne is

a member of the Baptist Church, and Mrs. Payne a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



WILLIAM COLUMBUS QUITMEN WILSON, M. D.

WILLIAM COLUMBUS QUITMEN WILSON, M. D., a successful practitioner of medicine and surgery at Mannington, Marion County, West Virginia, was born in 1849, at Catawba, Marion County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and is a son of William and Ann Eliza (Devault) Wilson.

William Wilson was born in Marion County and died at the age of 28 years, the same year our subject was born. He was both a teacher and a farmer. In politics he was a Whig. The mother of Dr. Wilson was also

born in Marion County and her death occurred three months after that of her husband. She was a devout member of the Methodist Church.

Our subject was his parents' only child and was left an orphan in infancy. He was educated in the common schools and later attended Morgantown University and subsequently taught school. He read medicine with Dr. J. M. Lazell, of Fairmount, and in 1869 entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, where he was graduated in 1872. From 1872 to July, 1887, he practiced his profession at New Freeport, Pennsylvania, and then settled at Mannington, Marion County, West Virginia, where he has been successfully engaged ever since. During his residence in Pennsylvania he was president of the medical society of his county and he has been identified with both county and State societies as well as the American Medical Association since he has been located in West Virginia. For 10 years he has been a member of the board of pension examiners, under the administrations of Presidents Harrison, McKinley and Roosevelt. Dr. Wilson was a charter member of the Exchange Bank of Mannington, one of the sound financial institutions of the county, has been one of the directors since the bank's organ-

ization and is held in high esteem, both personally and professionally.

In 1874 Dr. Wilson was married to Lucy E. Owen, who was born in New Freeport, Pennsylvania, and died in 1896 at the age of 40 years. She was a daughter of I. N. Owen, then a resident of Pennsylvania. The five children born to this union were: Charles J.; Mabel H., deceased; Arla D., deceased; Grace M. and Annie E. In 1898 Dr. Wilson was married to Arla Owen, a sister of his first wife. The family belong to the Baptist Church. Fraternally the Doctor is a Mason.



T. E. A. RENNER.

T. E. A. RENNER, a retired merchant of Buffalo, Putnam County, West Virginia, was born April 27, 1826, in the Grand Duchy, Saxe-Wie-

mar, near Jena, in the historic locality where the Emperor Napoleon defeated the Prussian Army. His parents were T. and Magdalene (Miller) Renner, the former of whom was a professor in the University of Jena, continuing his lectures there, making a specialty of comparative anatomy and veterinary surgery, until his death at the age of 82 years. The mother died aged 74 years.

Mr. Renner, of this sketch, is one of a family of nine children, five of whom still survive, namely: Edward, who lives near Parkersburg; August, who lives in New York; Ernest, who resides in Germany near the old home; Eliza, who is married and lives at Jena; and T. E. A., the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Renner was well educated in his native country and secured an excellent position as clerk in a court, which he held until 1854, when at the age of 28 years, he came to America. His coming was in the nature of a visit to relatives and friends near Parkersburg. He engaged in farm work with his friends and there met a Mr. Stark, who was an extensive piano manufacturer at Pittsburg. Through the latter's introduction, he formed a partnership in 1855, with Dr. C. M. Pitrat, of Buffalo, in a general store (after working in the Merchant mill for a

time). They started their business just south of where the mill now stands and the business was conducted under the firm name of C. M. Pitrat. Mr. Renner withdrew from this partnership in 1879 and engaged in a similar line of business at Red House as manager for I. F. Paston, remaining there five years. He then engaged in business for himself at Pliny, West Virginia, and remained there five years, during which time he became afflicted with rheumatism. This caused him to sell his business and retire from activity. He has not engaged in any particular business since 1895.

In 1859 Mr. Renner was united in marriage to Caroline Stark, who was born in Hanau, Germany, and was educated at Pittsburg, but who then resided at Buffalo, where she was a popular school teacher. To them were born five children, of whom the three survivors are: F. J. C., a merchant at Buffalo; Lida S., wife of J. E. Frazier at Buffalo; and Emil F., of Buffalo. Mrs. Renner died March 11, 1886. Mr. Renner has been a prominent man in his locality and has served both as town recorder and as councilman. He had been for 12 years postmaster at Buffalo when he resigned in 1879. In the following year he became postmaster at Red House and so continued until

1885. He also served as postmaster at Pliny and Frazier's Bottom, West Virginia,—three years at the former place and one year at the latter. In politics he is a Republican. In religious belief, he was reared in the Lutheran faith.



OKEY JOHNSON CHAMBERS.

OKEY JOHNSON CHAMBERS, an able member of the Roane County bar, residing at Spencer, was born July 10, 1870, at Walnut Grove, Roane County, West Virginia, and is a son of L. D. Chambers, one of the pioneers of that county.

Mr. Chambers worked on the home farm and received only the educational advantages offered by the local common schools. He was a very faithful

and ambitious student and seldom lost a day, although the long trudge to and from school was often made through rain and snow. At the age of 18 years, he began to teach school and followed this vocation for three years. He then entered the State University at Morgantown, West Virginia, and took up studies in the classical department. However, on account of the serious illness of his father, he was unable to finish the course, but in his last year he had taken up the study of the law, and was admitted to practice in 1893. The same year he located at Spencer and there he has built up a lucrative and constantly increasing practice. As an evidence of his legal standing, comment may not be out of order concerning the most celebrated case that ever occupied the courts of Roane County. This was the Simmons will case, and was bitterly fought for three years, with the best legal talent of the State. At this time Mr. Chambers was the youngest attorney at the bar, but his conduct of this case established his reputation as a profound lawyer and advocate. His speech was one of the best ever heard in the courts of the State and won for him legal approval.

He is a man of pleasing address and charming personality. He has been the architect of his own fortunes and is

a self-made man. One of his possessions, of which he is justly proud, is his library and much of his time is spent as a student.

In 1895 Mr. Chambers was married to Alice Crislip, a daughter of Asbury Crislip, of Reedyville, Roane County, and two sons have been born to this union, Merville and Wendell. He has always taken an active part in politics and is held in high esteem by both parties. In 1900 he was a candidate for nomination for the office of prosecuting attorney, but, on account of the severe illness of his wife at that time, abandoned active effort in that direction that she might have his care and attention. His star, however, has not set, for he possesses every qualification for efficient public service, and the time has come when such men of honor, integrity and principle, together with virtue and that watchful tenderness for loved ones, should fill the highest offices of trust.

GEORGE R. JACOBS, one of the enterprising business citizens of Charleston, West Virginia, who is engaged in the manufacture of monumental work, was born at Wellsburg, Brooke County, Virginia, now West Virginia June 26, 1843. He is a son of Benjamin F. and Jane Elizabeth

(St. Leger) Jacobs, and a grandson of Benjamin Jacobs.

Benjamin Jacobs, grandfather of our subject, was born at Ellicott's Mills, nine miles from the city of Baltimore, Maryland. He removed to Brooke County, Virginia, now West Virginia, in 1811 and purchased a large tract of land and became a man of importance. He married Polly Hostler and they reared a large family of children, all of whom have passed away except Benjamin F. Jacobs, the father of our subject. They were Presbyterians in their religious conviction.

Benjamin F. Jacobs for many years engaged extensively in contracting and building and many of the substantial farm buildings which he built are still standing in Brooke County, attesting the quality of his work. Mr. Jacobs also engaged in farming in Brooke County, and still resides there, aged 87 years. Mrs. Jacobs died in 1883, aged 67 years. They reared a family of 13 children to maturity.

George R. Jacobs was educated in the common schools of Brooke County and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm and also worked with him in his building operations. During the Civil War, he was engaged as quartermaster's clerk for nearly four years. After its close he decided to

learn the marble cutting trade, and on July 7, 1865, entered upon his apprenticeship. Three years later he went to Augusta, Kentucky, and worked one year, then to Louisville and to Seymour, Indiana. Upon his return to Wellsburg, he was engaged to build the Bishop Campbell monument and after its completion went to Nashville, Tennessee, and again to Augusta, Kentucky.

Soon after this Mr. Jacobs married Lucy Figgins, who belonged to a highly respected Kentucky family. They resided in that State until 1872 when Mr. Jacobs removed to Charleston, West Virginia, and the selection of that place of residence has resulted in the city gaining a valuable business industry and Mr. Jacobs, a large and lucrative trade. He is now the leading monument manufacturer, not only locally, but over a wide extent of country, his fine work being shipped all over this State and to Virginia and Kentucky. Mr. Jacobs deals extensively in Scotch, Italian and American granite and marble, and his work is not only noted for its fine finish, but also for the beauty and appropriateness of design. Among well known works of his may be mentioned the monuments of Colonel Fife, Dr. Comstock, W. A. Quarrier, H. D. Ruffner, Quincy Dickinson and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have an attractive home and a pleasant social circle in Charleston. The five children born to them are: Frances St. Leger, who married Fred Babcock, a prominent lumber merchant of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, is a talented singer and as a teacher of vocal music has a wide reputation; Charles L. is a graduate of the West Virginia University at Morgantown; Leslie is deceased; and Edith and Francis are at home. Fraternally, Mr. Jacobs is a Mason. In politics he is an active Republican but is no office seeker. He is a liberal, public spirited man and a representative citizen of Charleston.



GEORGE FIRTH.

GEORGE FIRTH, cashier of the Crozier Coal & Coke Company, at Elkhorn, McDowell County, West Vir-

ginia, was born in 1862, at Upland, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Charles and Mary (Gibson) Firth.

Charles Firth is a native of Yorkshire, England. He came to America in 1854 and settled at Upland, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in his trade of weaver. He belongs to the Protestant Episcopal Church. The mother of our subject was born in Queenstown, Ireland, and died in 1893, at the age of 56 years. She was a consistent member of the Baptist Church. These parents reared a family of four sons and one daughter.

George Firth was educated in the common schools at Chester and at Gilbert's Academy. After finishing his education, he was employed for four months as clerk of the Republican State Central Committee of Pennsylvania and then was engaged as bookkeeper with the Crozier Iron Company. Mr. Firth remained with that company for 15 years. In 1888 he went to Bristol, Tennessee, with the Virginia Iron & Coal Company, remaining a period of six months, for the purpose of selling pig iron. He then returned to the Crozier company and came to Elkhorn as cashier for the Crozier Coal & Coke Company, a position he fills with the greatest efficiency.

In 1899 Mr. Firth was united in marriage with Erika Bjerkander, who was born in Stockholm, Sweden. They have one child, Eric. Mrs. Firth is a member of the Lutheran Church. In politics, Mr. Firth is an independent. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons and the Elks.



HON. E. H. MORTON.

HON. E. H. MORTON, member of the West Virginia House of Delegates from Webster Springs, Webster County, West Virginia, was born in 1866 on a farm in Webster County, and is a son of George and Hannah C. Morton, the former of whom is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Webster County.

Mr. Morton was educated in the common schools of Webster County and the University of West Virginia at Morgantown, where he was graduated in law in 1891.

In 1889 he was elected county superintendent of schools for Webster County and in 1892 was elected to the office of prosecuting attorney for said county, serving a term of four years. He was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney for Nicholas County in 1897, which position he held for a term of four years.

His connection with politics has been since young manhood. He was elected by the Democratic party to his present honorable position in 1902; his services during the past session have been of benefit to his party and the country at large. He has risen from the ranks in his profession, being an entirely self-made man, and has a large and lucrative practice. He is attorney for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company and various other corporations in his section of the State. Prior to his election to the Legislature, he was commissioner of school lands for Webster County.

In 1891 Mr. Morton was married to Mary McCray and has a family of five children. His beautiful home at Webster Springs is a large estate where

a herd of fine deer is one of the attractions. Fraternally Mr. Morton is a member of the Masonic bodies.



HON. MORTIMER W. FRAME

HON. MORTIMER W. FRAME, Nestor of the Clay County bar, served as prosecuting attorney of the county for a period of 16 years, and is classed among the foremost lawyers of the State of West Virginia. He was born on a farm along the Kanawha River, near Bulltown, Braxton County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Wilson) Frame.

The first of our subject's paternal ancestors to locate in this country was David Frame, who came from Ireland and located in Virginia prior to

the Revolutionary War. He served throughout the struggle for independence, and lived near Huntersville, Pocahontas County, where he died. His sons moved to Braxton County, among them James Frame, the grandfather of our subject. The latter was a farmer and also followed the trade of a millwright throughout life.

James Frame, the father of our subject, lived at Frametown, Braxton County, from 1809 to the spring of 1844, when he removed to what is now Clay County, West Virginia, but which was then a part of Braxton County. This removal took place when the subject of this sketch was 18 months old. Under the law of Virginia, he was nominated for the position of justice of the peace by the County Court and received his appointment from the governor. He served in this office for 18 years in his new home. He practiced law in Clay County from the erection of the county in 1859 up to 1861, when the war between the States put an end, for the time being, to peaceful occupations. He and his three sons took the side of the South in that great conflict, and all were disfranchised by the "test oath," until that impediment was removed in 1872. As he was prevented from practicing his profession on account of this, he abandoned his law

practice and took up farming as his sole occupation. His wife, the mother of our subject, was Elizabeth Wilson. She was born in Lewis County, Virginia, now West Virginia, and was a daughter of Andrew Wilson, who was of Irish birth and ancestry, having been born in County Meath, Ireland. Andrew Wilson married a woman of English descent of the same name, and many of the Wilsons of Virginia and West Virginia are their descendants. Andrew Wilson came to this country from Ireland at a very early date. He lived in Lewis County, Virginia, for a great many years and was noted for his activity and intelligence. He died at the age of 122 years, and is said to have been the oldest person that ever lived in the States of Virginia or West Virginia. With increasing years, his activity and vigor did not diminish to an appreciable extent, for only two years before his death he walked eight miles in order to cast his vote for James K. Polk as president.

Mortimer W. Frame has a distinct recollection of some of the incidents of the journey of the family to Clay County in 1844, although he was only 18 months old at the time. He remembers seeing his father tie the flatboat in which the journey was made to

a tree on the Elk River. His remarkable memory has characterized his entire life. He is able to accurately detail every day's march during the Civil War, in which he participated for four years. This faculty has also been shown in his law work and has proved of invaluable help to him in the trial of cases, for no matter how complicated the case, he depends solely upon his memory. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Frame enlisted in the 22nd Regiment, Virginia Infantry, C. S. A., and served throughout the war, except during such periods when he was physically disabled. He served under General Floyd and others, and participated, in all, in over a hundred battles of the war. On August 26, 1863, he was seriously wounded in the leg, at Dry Creek, near White Sulphur Springs, Greenbrier County, but would not permit Dr. Patrick, the surgeon, to amputate it. After obtaining a furlough of 60 days, he went to Richmond, joined his infantry command, fought out the 60-day furlough, and then joined the cavalry, in which he served until the war closed, participating in a dozen of the largest battles in the Shenandoah Valley in 1864. At the end of his furlough, when he went to Richmond, he paid \$25 for a breakfast, the large price being due to the

depreciated Confederate currency. He was a gallant soldier and was content to serve the cause as a private without seeking promotion.

Mr. Frame's education was very limited, and up to the time of his admission to the bar he had been to school not to exceed three months. He had learned to read, write and count, but had no education to speak of until shortly before he was made prosecuting attorney. He then attended public school at Clay Court House, along with his three oldest sons, learning English grammar. He studied law by himself, and after a rigid examination before Judge Henry Gillespie and Judge Robert Irvin, was admitted to the bar. He was at once elected prosecuting attorney, and served continuously for a period of 12 years, later being elected for a subsequent term of four years. He was the nominee of the Democratic party for the office of prosecuting attorney for 28 years. Lately, he declined to accept another nomination of his party for this office on account of his intention of removing to Oklahoma, where two of his sons are practicing attorneys. Mr. Frame is a stalwart Democrat, as was his father before him. He is a man of excellent qualities, places a high standard on

manhood and lives up to his ideals. He is a good judge of human nature and has many intimate friends who esteem him highly for his excellent traits of character.

Mortimer W. Frame was married November 21, 1867, to Nancy Triplett, who was born July 27, 1842, and is a daughter of Sinnett and Elizabeth Triplett. The father of Mrs. Frame was a soldier in the war of 1812, under General Harrison, and received a pension, which is now paid to Mrs. Triplett, who is past 90 years of age. Sinnett Triplett was a physician during the latter years of his life, practicing in Clay County until his death, in 1855. To Mr and Mrs. Frame have been born seven children, namely: James M., a lawyer of El Reno, Oklahoma; Baines, a lawyer of Taloga, Oklahoma; Marshall T.; Minnie Alberta; Homer, who died April 17, 1898, at the age of 24 years; Charles C., who died at the age of 12 years; and Ella, who died at the age of 10 years. Mr. Frame owns a very pretty little home at Clay Court House, with most beautiful surroundings of trees, vines, shrubbery, flowers, etc. He has a farm of 50 acres adjoining the town, which property is underlaid with valuable coal deposits.